



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Reuel S. Orocio )  
Serial No. 10/047,865 ) Examiner: Edgar, Richard A.  
Filed: January 15, 2002 ) Art Unit: 3745  
For: IMPELLER AND METHOD OF ) Date: September 2, 2003  
MANUFACTURING SAME

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**DECLARATION UNDER RULE 131(b)**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Reuel S. Orocio and Thang D. Vu, the applicants in the above identified patent application, declare as follows:

1. Sometime prior to December 4, 2001, Reuel S. Orocio and Thang D. Vu conceived of an invention of a pump impeller that is formed in a single molding operation with the pump impeller including vanes, a shroud and a shaft sleeve so that the longitudinal center axis of an annular inlet ring mounted on the shroud has a longitudinal center axis that is in substantial alignment with the sleeve so that an efficient, substantially noise-free operation is obtained during rotation of the impeller.

2. Enclosed is a copy of the Disclosure that was submitted to Patent Agent, Jack C. Munro, of said invention, with this Disclosure being dated October 31, 2001.

Declaration to IMPELLER AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING SAME  
Reuel S. Orocio, inventor  
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3. Reuel S. Orocio and Thang D. Vu proceeded to have a mold manufactured that would result in the production of the impeller of the subject invention, and during the time the mold was being constructed, a patent application was prepared and filed by Patent Agent, Jack C. Munro, on January 15, 2002.

Reuel S. Orocio and Thang D. Vu further declare that the above statements have been made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine and/or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that any such willful false statement may jeopardize the validity of this application or any patent resulting therefrom.

Respectfully submitted,

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~~A PAGER~~  
INC. THIS  
~~SHEET~~

Hello Jack,

ATTACHED ARE THE ILLUSTRATION  
NOTING THE REQUIREMENTS AND  
HOW THE NEW DESIGN ADDRESSES  
Such ISSUES.

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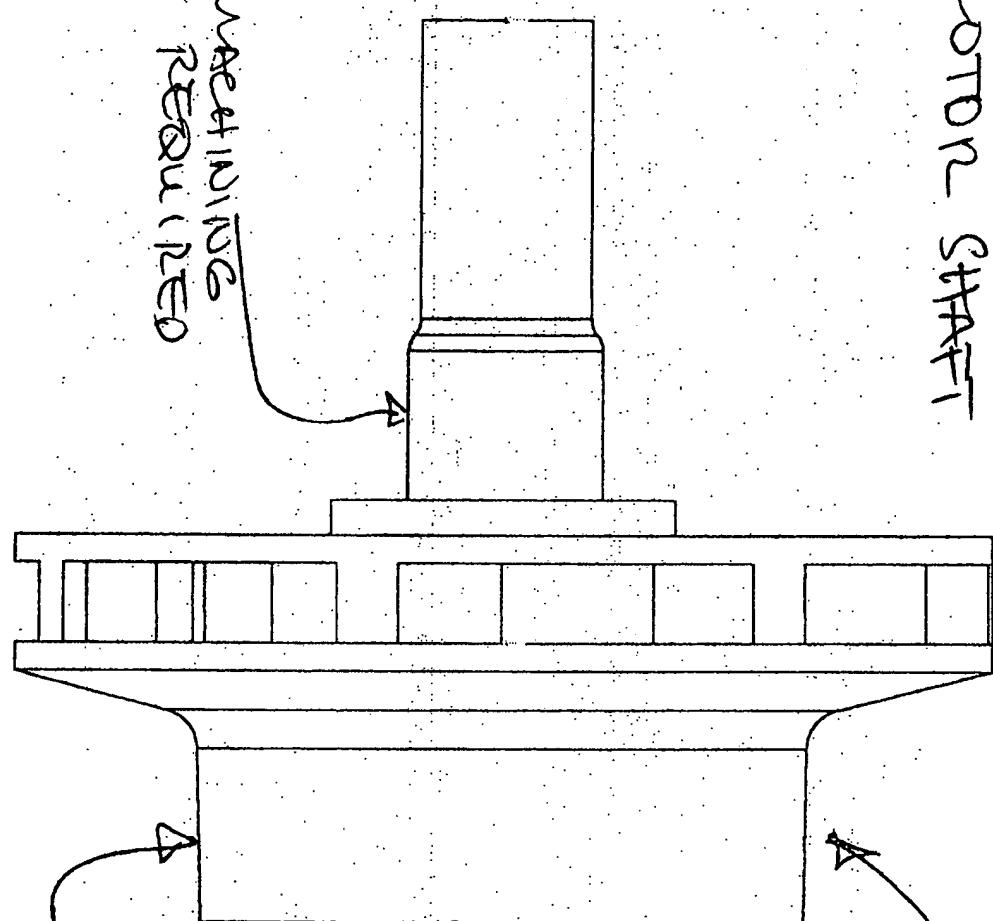
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## MOTOR SHAFT



MACHINING  
REQUIRED

## CURRENT DESIGN

COMPLETE WELDED ASSEMBLY (JANE WELDED TO SHROUD)

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MACHINING IS  
REQUIRED

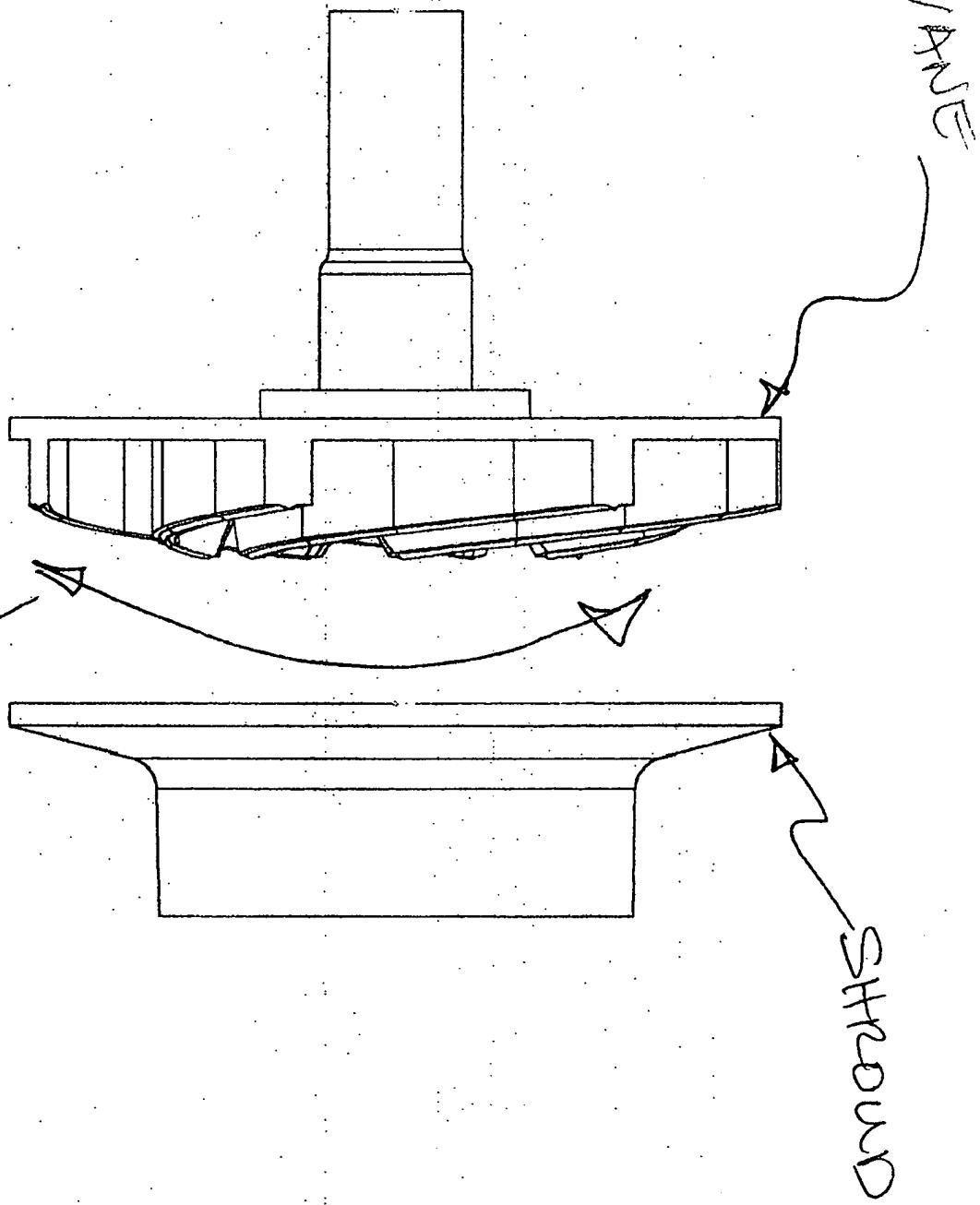
FROM .030" TO  
.060"

FOR THIS REASON

SINCE THESE  
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THE MEASURED  
T.I.R. RANGES  
FROM .030" TO

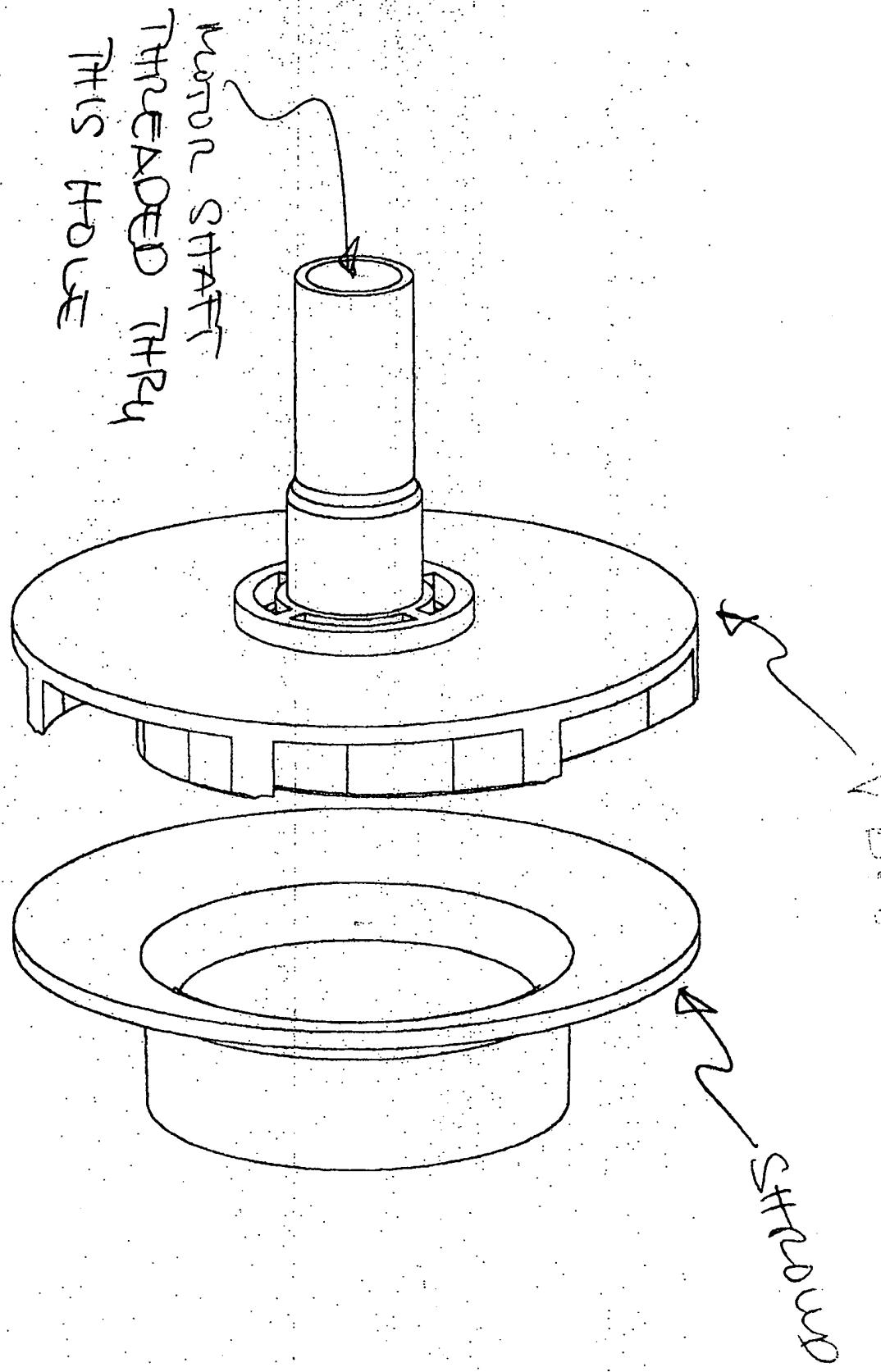
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EVEN WITH GOOD  
FIXTURING THE  
SHROUD COULD  
MOVE SIDEWAYS  
DURING WELDING



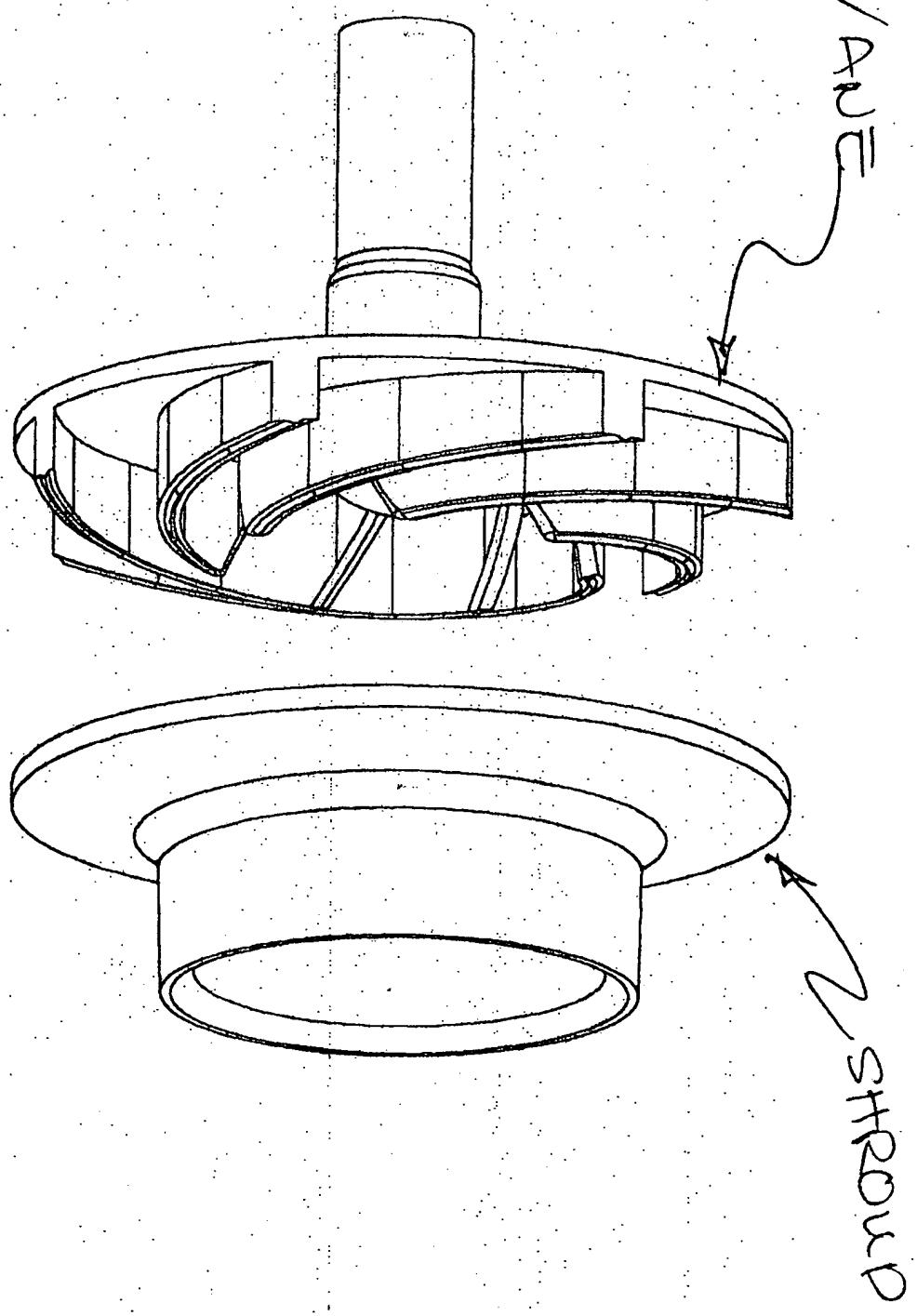
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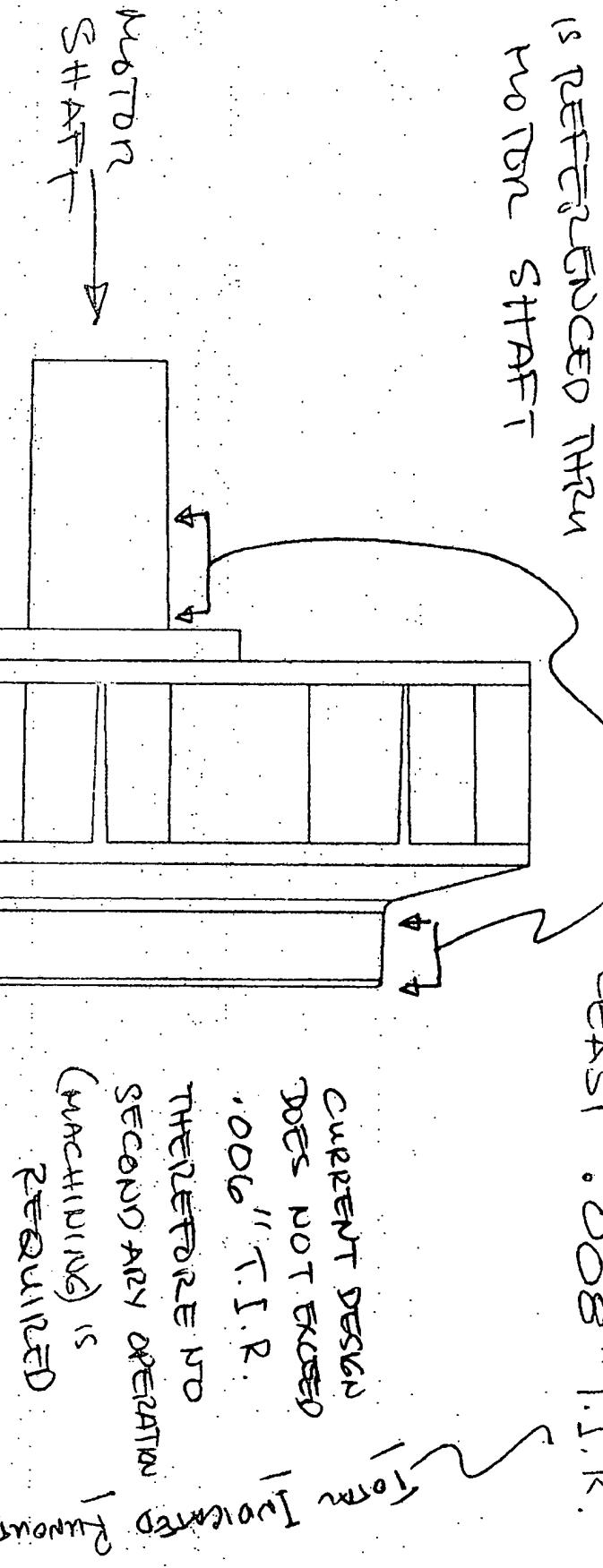
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MOTOR SHAFT

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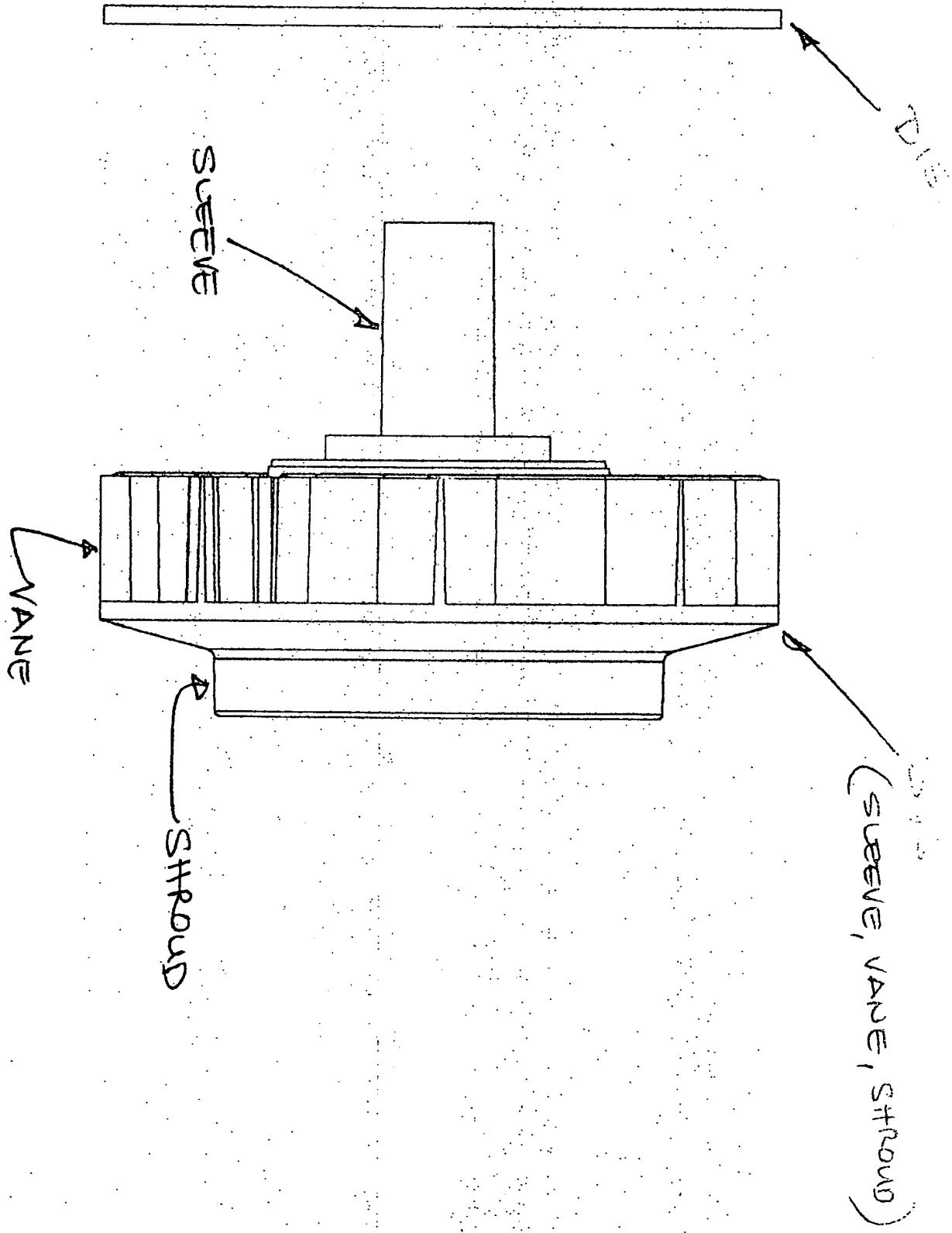


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CODE NAME: SVS

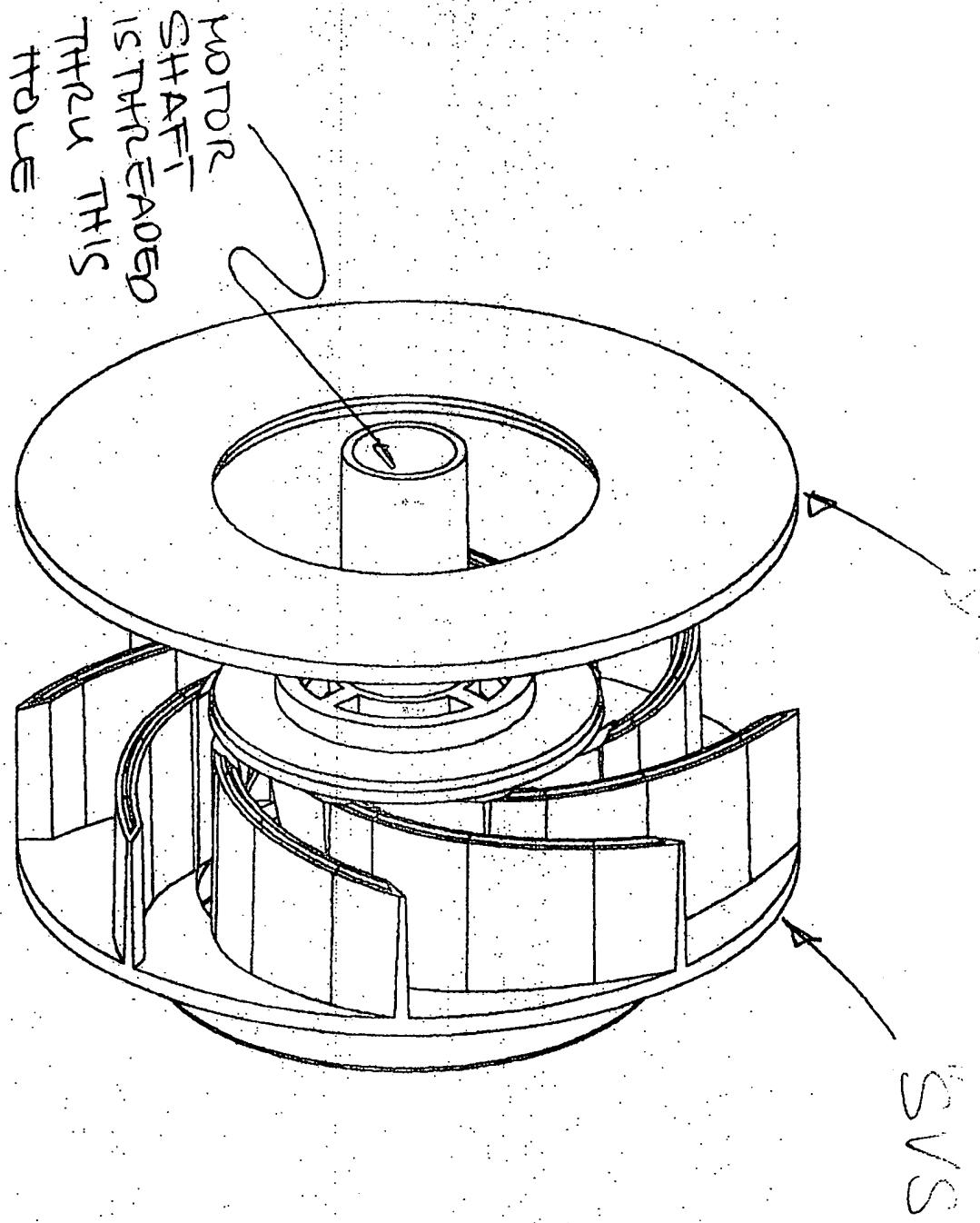
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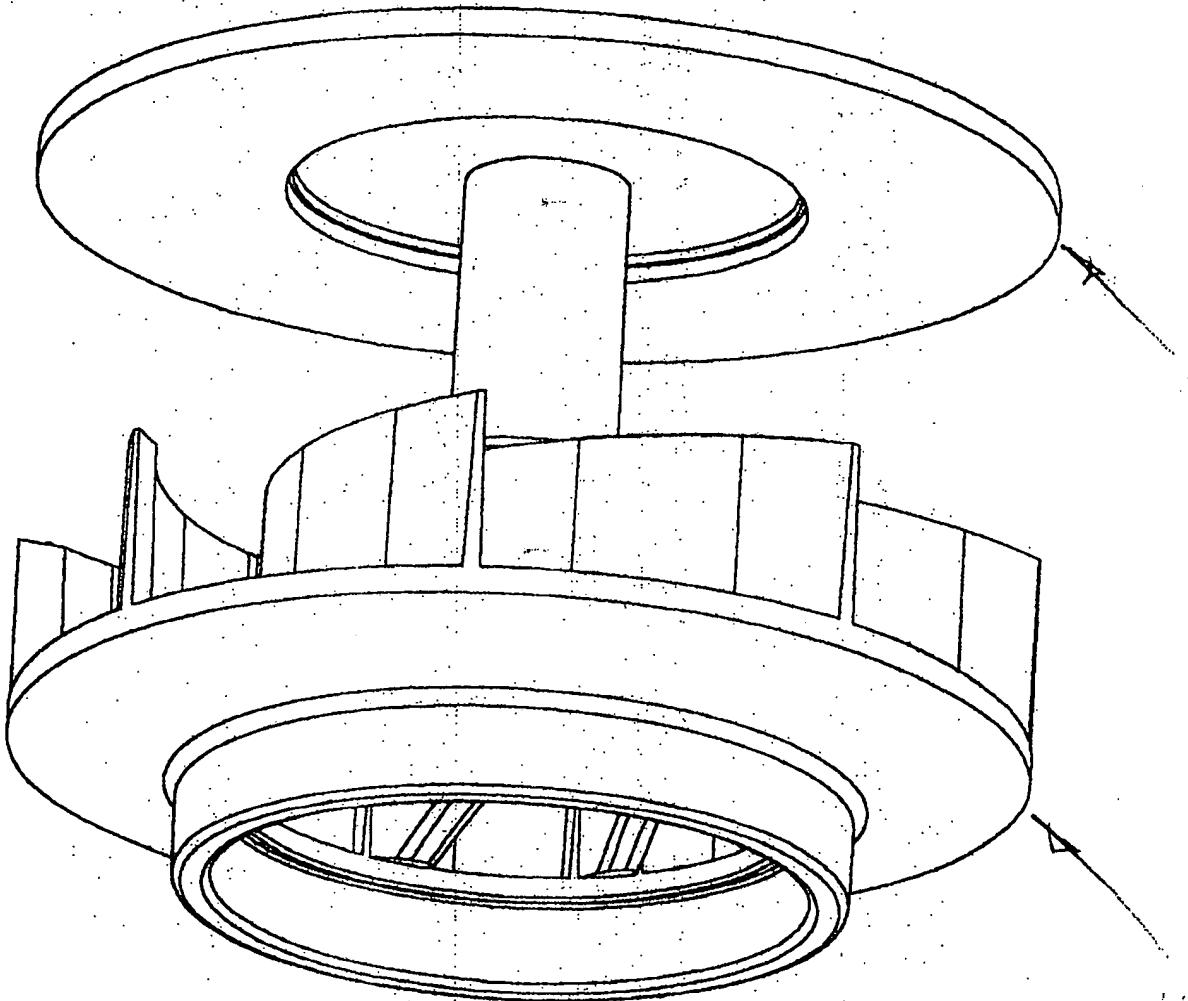


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